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My dear Mr. Giese, I have two letters
of the 13 and 23 October to thank you
for, and also for your very kind
presents to my dear wife & daughter,
which they will value so highly,
they will never need any such
to remind them of you and the
friendship we have formed, but
the beautiful brooches will be
an additional bond between you,
I think you will receive with
this, letters of thanks from all.

And now to reply to your letter
of the 13th - I received the reply to
the vote of thanks sent by the
Committee also the memoranda
for Mrs. Beale & Mr. Johnson &
at once sent them, the two letters
with copies of your portrait by
Wadlock I have received a nice
acknowledged present from Mrs. Beale
who thanks you much, but nothing

from Mr. Tolvestone, who may write
to you direct. Collier's photograph
of you is very unsatisfactory, we
cannot prevent him trying to sell
the copies, but the public will not
buy them when they can see
those of Whitlock in the same street,
which are so much better.

The Duke of Norfolk has lost his wife,
and his eldest son, heir to enormous
estates and one of the highest titles
& positions in England is a sad
invalid, near mentally, which
perhaps makes the Duke look so
melancholy. I am going to Liverpool
next week & shall see Mr. Plessburg
and Mr. Albany. I am so glad
that Mr. Grey will come with
you in February and that we
shall have the pleasure of making
her acquaintance. You must
please keep a few days to visit us

perhaps on your way to Liverpool,
we shall certainly go there or to
London to be present at your
concerts - I had a pleasant chat
with our old friend Mr. Guinness,
who conducts the Philharmonic
Concerts in London, he was here
last Wednesday with his son
Thomas a clever young man who
has studied at Leipzig but is now
in London - our concert givers
have their programs published
for the winter season, I send you
the principal ones, as they may
interest you.

I hear today that a gift of £1000
to the Hospital will be made shortly
from the profits of the Festival,
£2500 - but I expect it will turn
out that the expenses have taken
all the money received from the sale
of tickets and part of the donations,

a thing which has never been known
before when the Festivals were under
Mr. Bayton's management the sum
paid over to the charity was
more than £5000 a Festival
except the last when special
circumstances made the difference.
We are beginning to shoot our
Pheasants next Saturday, I wish
Mr. Beyer were with us, he would
enjoy the shoot, we are expecting
to kill 50. I have had another
charming letter from Mr. Beyer, he
rejoices of the one he sent on his
return as the first English letter
he has written, it was so good
that it put me to shame both
in the language and writing. I
shall write to him soon, for we
must not cease to correspond
with all good wishes. believe me
Yours faithfully
Charles Harding